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S.B. No. 1546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the limitation on a laboratory charge that may be set by a public junior college.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 54.501(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An institution of higher education shall set and collect a laboratory charge in an amount sufficient to cover in general the cost of laboratory materials and supplies used by a student. For an institution other than a public junior college, the laboratory charge shall be not less than \$2 nor more than \$30 for any one semester or summer term for any student in any one laboratory course, but shall not exceed the cost of actual materials and supplies used by the student. For a public junior college, the laboratory charge shall ~~[be not more than \$24 for any one semester or summer term for any student in any one laboratory course, but shall]~~ not exceed the cost of actual materials and supplies used by the student.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.